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Appn. of: RAINER WALLENTIN ET AL.  
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Airbag Module  
Attorney Docket No: 12400-027

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Art Unit: 3618

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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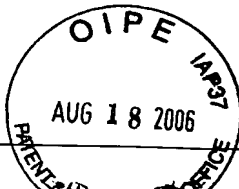
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